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In re Application of :
Hazuki OKABAYASHI et al. :
Application No. 10/577,133 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 25, 2006 :
Attorney Docket No. P29835 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed, March 28, 2011, to change the name of inventor "Hazuki Okabayashi" to -- Hazuki Kawai --.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The issue fee in this application was paid on March 30, 2011. As this petition was filed prior to the payment of the Issue fee, the petition has been timely filed. However, the petition fails to include a statement signed by the inventor setting forth both names and the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a copy of the court order (See MPEP 605.04(c)). Accordingly, the petition cannot be granted at this time to change the inventor's name.

Effective May 29, 2000, the Office changed the practice by clarifying that an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 (after allowance) must be filed prior to or with payment of the issue fee, and eliminated 37 CFR 1.312(b). Since a change to the inventor's name is an amendment to the application, and amendments are not permitted after payment of the issue fee, any renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name cannot be granted, unless accompanied by a request for a certificate of correction and fee of \$100 therefor.

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